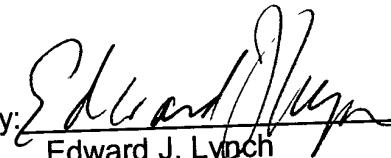


**REMARKS**

The applicants believe that the pending claims are directed to patentable subject matter. Applicants have submitted herewith a PTO-1449 form citing the references considered in the parent application. Consideration of the application in view of these references and an early allowance thereof are earnestly solicited.

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